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(Entries under "Erosion factors--T" apply to the entire profile. Entries under "Wind erodibility group" and "Wind erodibility index" apply to the surface layer)

Map symbol and soil name	   Depth	   Clay		Permea-			Erosi	on fac		erodi-	
	 	   	bulk     density   	bility (Ksat)	water  capacity 			   Kf 		bility  group 	
	In	Pct	g/cc	in/hr	In/in	Pct	<u> </u>	·	<u> </u>		' 
10: Pinnebog		0-0	0.10-0.25	0.20-5.95 0.57-5.95 0.20-5.95	0.45-0.55	· 	   	     	   3 	     2 	     134 
11B: Spinks	     0-9   9-60			5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95				   .15   .17	     5 	     1 	     220 
11C: Spinks				5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95					   5   1	   1   	   220 
11D: Spinks	   0-20   20-60			5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95					   5   	   1 	   220   
12B: Coloma	0-11			5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98					   5 	   1 	   250 
12C: Coloma	0-11   11-60			5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98					   5 	   1 	   250 
12D: Coloma	0-11   11-60			5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98					   5 	   1 	250
12E: Coloma	0-11   11-60			5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98					   5 	1	250
12F: Coloma	0-11   11-60			5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98					   5 	1 1	250
	16-33	2-15   10-22	1.45-1.60   1.55-1.70	1.98-5.95 0.57-1.98 0.57-1.98 0.57-5.95	0.08-0.17 0.10-0.17	0.0-2.9	1 .24	.24		   2   1 	   134   
14C: Tekenink	16-33 33-46	2-15   10-22	1.45-1.60   1.55-1.70	1.98-5.95 0.57-1.98 0.57-1.98 0.57-5.95	0.08-0.17  0.10-0.17	0.0-2.9	.24   .24	1 .24	İ	   2     	   134   
15B: Plainfield	7-21	1-7	1.50-1.65	5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98	0.04-0.07	0.0-2.9	1.15		   5   1	   1   1	   250 
15C: Plainfield	0-7   7-21   21-60	1-7	1.50-1.65	5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98	0.04-0.07	0.0-2.9	1.15	.15	1	   1   1	   250 
15D: Plainfield	7-21 21-60	1-7	1.50-1.65	5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98	0.04-0.07	0.0-2.9	.15   .15	.15		   1   1	   250   

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Map symbol	   Depth	   Clay	   Moist	   Permea-	  Available	   Linear	Erosi	on fac	tors	Wind  erodi-	Wind  erodi-
and soil name		 	bulk density	bility	water  capacity	extensi-		   Kf 		bility  group 	bility
	In	Pct	g/cc	in/hr	In/in	Pct					
16A: Wasepi	0-10   10-21   21-60	10-18	1.35-1.45	   5.95-19.98   1.98-5.95  19.98-19.98	0.12-0.18	0.0-2.9		   .17   .28 	   3     	   2   	134   134 
17: Cohoctah	0-13 13-35 35-60	5-18	1.45-1.65	   1.98-5.95   1.98-5.95   1.98-5.95	0.12-0.20	0.0-2.9	.28	.28	   5   	3   1	   86 
	0-5 5-10 10-19 19-35 35-60	   2-10   2-10	1.30-1.60  1.30-1.60  1.30-1.60	   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98	0.06-0.08  0.05-0.08  0.05-0.08	0.0-2.9 0.0-2.9 0.0-2.9	1 .15	1 .15	   5         	   1       	   220   
19: Gilford		8-17 3-12	1.60-1.80 1.70-1.90	1.98-5.95   1.98-5.95   5.95-19.98   19.98-19.98	0.10-0.14	0.0-2.9	1.15	.17	   4   	   3   	86   86
20A: Pipestone	0-2 2-4 4-11 11-60	2-12 2-12	1.30-1.70 1.40-1.70	   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98	0.06-0.10  0.06-0.09	0.0-2.9	.15	1 .15	   5     	   1 	   220   
21: Kingsville	0-8 8-40 40-60	2-12	1.20-1.50	   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98	0.07-0.12	0.0-2.9		   .17   .17   .20	     5     	   2   	   134 
	11-16	18-35   35-40	1.35-1.65 1.50-1.70	0.57-1.98   0.20-0.57   0.06-0.20   0.06-0.20	0.11-0.20	3.0-5.9 3.0-5.9	.32 .32	.32		5   5   1	56   56
	11-16 16-36	18-35   35-40	1.35-1.65 1.50-1.70	0.57-1.98   0.20-0.57   0.06-0.20   0.06-0.20	0.11-0.20	3.0-5.9	.32   .32	.32	   3     	   5     	56 
	11-16 16-36	18-35   35-40	1.35-1.65 1.50-1.70	0.57-1.98   0.20-0.57   0.06-0.20   0.06-0.20	0.10-0.20	3.0-5.9	.32			   5     	56 
	10-14 14-30	12-40   35-40	1.40-1.60	0.57-1.98   0.20-0.57   0.06-0.20   0.06-0.20	0.14-0.18	0.0-2.9	1 .28	.28 .32	 	   5     	56 
24: Ziegenfuss	9-34	35-50	1.40-1.65	   0.57-1.98   0.06-0.20   0.06-0.20	0.14-0.20	3.0-5.9	.32	.32	İ	   6   1	   48 
25B: Wixom	9-30 30-60	2-14	1.40-1.70 1.50-1.70	   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98   0.20-0.57	0.06-0.11	0.0-2.9	.15	1 .15	I	2     	   134 

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	Ī	l .			I .		Erosi	rosion factors Wind			
Map symbol and soil name	Depth     	Clay     	Moist     bulk     density	bility	Available   water  capacity	extensi-		   Kf		erodi-  bility  group	bility
	In	Pct	g/cc	in/hr	In/in	Pct	i	 			 
26A: Metamora	0-9   9-24   24-33   33-60	5-15   18-35	1.40-1.60   1.45-1.70	1.98-5.95 1.98-5.95 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.10-0.15  0.16-0.18	0.0-2.9	1 .24	.32	   5     	   3     	   86   
27: Corunna	   0-11   11-33   33-60	10-18	1.30-1.60	1.98-5.95 0.57-5.95 0.20-0.57	0.08-0.14	0.0-2.9		   .20   .20   .43	     5   	     3 	     86 
29A: Minoa	   0-10   10-38   38-60	3-15	1.20-1.50	0.57-1.98 0.57-1.98 0.57-5.95	0.13-0.20	0.0-2.9			     5   	     5   	     56 
30: Lamson	0-11   11-30   30-60	5-18	1.25-1.55	0.57-5.95 0.57-5.95 0.57-5.95	0.12-0.17	0.0-2.9		   .28   .20   .20	   5   1	   3   	     86   
	0-10   10-27   27-38   38-60	2-15 8-18	1.30-1.60   1.45-1.65	1.98-5.95 1.98-19.98 1.98-5.95 5.95-19.98	0.07-0.11	0.0-2.9		   .17   .17   .17	   4     	   2     	   134   
34: Belleville	12-33	2-12	1.45-1.70	5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 0.20-0.57	0.06-0.10	0.0-2.9		   .17   .17   .32	   4   4	   2   1	   134 
35B: Metea	0-9   9-22   22-28   28-60	2-10	1.65-1.80   1.45-1.65	5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 0.57-1.98 0.57-1.98	0.06-0.11	0.0-2.9	.32	.37	   4     	   2   	   134   
36: Adrian	   0-26   26-60			0.20-5.95 5.95-19.98			       .15	       .15	     2 	     2 	     134 
39A: Londo	0-9   9-22   22-60	20-35	1.40-1.75	0.57-1.98 0.20-1.98 0.20-1.98	0.14-0.19	3.0-5.9		.32   .32   .32	   5   1	   5   1	   56 
40: Parkhill	   0-9   9-35   35-60	18-35	1.45-1.70	0.57-1.98 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.15-0.19	0.0-2.9	.32		   5   	   5   	   56 
42: Edwards				0.20-5.95 0.06-0.20			   	   	   1   1	   2 	134
	9-13   13-25	12-35   18-35	1.40-1.65   1.40-1.70	0.57-1.98 0.20-1.98 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.15-0.18 0.14-0.18	0.0-2.9	1 .28	.28	 	     5   	     56   
Londo	9-22	20-35	1.40-1.75	0.57-1.98 0.20-1.98 0.20-1.98	0.14-0.19	3.0-5.9	.32	.32	İ	   5 	   56   
47: Algansee				5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98						     2 	     134 

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Man armhal	Donth			 			Erosi	on fac			Wind  erodi-
Map symbol and soil name	Deptn	_		bility	Available   water  capacity	extensi-	     K	   Kf	I	erodi-  bility  group	bility
	In	Pct	   g/cc 	   in/hr	   In/in	Pct	¦	¦	' 	   	   
49B: Marlette	9-18   18-40	10-35 25-35	1.50-1.65  1.50-1.70	0.57-1.98 0.20-1.98 0.20-0.57	0.11-0.20	0.0-2.9	1.32	.32		   5     	     56   
49C:											
Marlette	9-18   18-40	10-35 25-35	1.50-1.65  1.50-1.70	0.57-1.98   0.20-1.98   0.20-0.57   0.20-0.57	0.11-0.20	0.0-2.9	1 .28	.32	5       	5       	56     
49D: Marlette	9-18   18-40	10-35 25-35	1.50-1.65	0.57-1.98 0.20-1.98 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.11-0.20	0.0-2.9	1 .28	.32		5   1	56     
50A: Mecosta	0-9 9-20 20-39 39-60	2-12	1.25-1.60	   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98   5.95-19.98   19.98-19.98	0.03-0.10	0.0-2.9	1 .15	.17	   5     	   1   	   220   
51: Pits		   	   	   	 	 	   	   	     -	   	   
52: Udorthents	0-60	   	   	   	 	   	   	   	     -	   	   
53: Udipsamments	0-60	0-10	1.35-1.65	     5.95-19.98	    0.05-0.09	0.0-2.9	1 .15	1 .15	     5	     1	220
54: Aquents	0-60	   		   	 	   			   -	   	   
Histosols	0-51 51-60			0.20-5.95	   	   			3 	   2 	134
55A: Urban land		   		   	 	 		   	     -	   	   
	0-9 9-20 20-39 39-60	2-12   0-12	1.25-1.60  1.25-1.60	5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 19.98-19.98	0.03-0.10	0.0-2.9	1 .15	.17	5   5   	   1   	220     
56A: Urban land		   		   	 	 	   	   	-	 	   
Thetford	10-27	2-15 8-18	1.30-1.60  1.45-1.65	1.98-5.95   1.98-19.98   1.98-5.95   5.95-19.98	0.07-0.11	0.0-2.9	.17	.17	1	   2     	   134   
57A: Urban land		   		   				   	-	   	   
Londo	9-22	20-35	1.40-1.75	0.57-1.98 0.20-1.98 0.20-1.98	0.14-0.19	3.0-5.9	.32	.32		   5     	   56   
	9-13   13-25   25-60	12-35   18-35   18-32	1.40-1.65  1.40-1.70	0.57-1.98   0.20-1.98   0.20-0.57   0.20-0.57	0.15-0.18  0.14-0.18  0.14-0.18	0.0-2.9   0.0-2.9   0.0-2.9	.28   .32   .32	.28   .32   .32	 	   5     	   56     

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	I	1			I	I	Erosio	on fac	tors	lWind	Wind
Map symbol and soil name	Depth 	Clay		bility	Available   water  capacity	Linear  extensi-	I	I	I	erodi-  bility  group	erodi-  bility
		Pct		in/hr	   In/in	   Pct			!	!	 
60C: Guelph	9-13   13-25	12-35    18-35	1.40-1.65   1.40-1.70	0.57-1.98 0.20-1.98 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.15-0.18	0.0-2.9	.28 .32	.28 .32	   5   1 	   5   1 	   56     
61A: Selfridge	9-30 30-34	2-15    8-18	1.30-1.60   1.35-1.45	5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 0.20-0.57	0.07-0.11	0.0-2.9	.28	.28	   5   1 	   1   1 	   220   
62B: Ormas		15-25	1.50-1.60	5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95 19.98-19.98	0.11-0.14	0.0-2.9	.32		     4   	     1 	   220 
62C: Ormas	0-22 22-33 33-60	15-25	1.50-1.60	5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95 19.98-19.98	0.11-0.14	0.0-2.9	.32		   4   4	   1   1	   220 
62D: Ormas		15-25	1.50-1.60	5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95 19.98-19.98	0.11-0.14	0.0-2.9	.32		   4   4	   1   1	   220 
63B: Remus	   0-9   9-43   43-60	10-30	1.65-1.80	1.98-5.95 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.08-0.16	0.0-2.9	.28		     3 	     3 	     86 
Spinks	   0-9   9-60			5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95				   .15   .17	   5 	   1 	   220 
63C: Remus		10-30	1.65-1.80	1.98-5.95 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.08-0.16	0.0-2.9	.28	.28	     3 	     3 	     86 
Spinks	   0-9   9-60			5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95					   5 	   1 	   220 
63D: Remus		10-30	1.65-1.80	1.98-5.95 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.08-0.16	0.0-2.9	.28	.28	     3 	     3 	     86 
Spinks	   0-9   9-60			5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95					   5 	   1 	   220 
63E: Remus	   0-9   9-43   43-60	10-30	1.65-1.80	1.98-5.95 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.08-0.16	0.0-2.9	.28	.28		     3 	     86   
Spinks	   0-9   9-60			5.95-19.98 1.98-5.95				   .15   .17	   5 	   1 	   220 
65B: Arkport	   0-11   11-57   57-60	3-15	1.25-1.55	1.98-5.95 1.98-5.95 1.98-5.95	0.06-0.16	0.0-2.9	.28	1 .17	     5 	   2   1	     134 
	   0-11   11-23   23-60	3-15	1.25-1.55   1.25-1.55	1.98-5.95 1.98-5.95 1.98-5.95	0.06-0.16  0.02-0.06	0.0-2.9	.28	1 .17 .28	     5   	     2 	 

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Map symbol	   Depth	   Clay	   Moist		  Available	Linear	Erosio	on fact		erodi-	
and soil name	 	   	bulk     density   			extensi-   bility 		   Kf 		bility  group 	
	In	Pct	g/cc	in/hr	In/in	Pct	i	i	!	i	i
66B:	 	l I	 		 	 	1	 	 		 
Woodbeck	0-8   8-24   24-60	35-40	11.55-1.70	0.57-1.98 0.20-0.57 5.95-19.98	0.10-0.20	3.0-5.9	.32	.32	5 	6 	48 
	24-00	l 0-10	1.40-1.55	3.93-19.90	10.02-0.07	0.0-2.9	1 .13	.13			
Coloma	0-11   11-60			5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98					5   	1	250   
66C:	! 	İ				İ	İ				
Woodbeck	8-24	35-40	1.55-1.70	0.57-1.98 0.20-0.57 5.95-19.98	0.10-0.20	3.0-5.9	.32	.32	5   	6 	48 
	İ	1 0 10	1.40 1.55	3.33 13.30		0.0 2.5	1 .13	.10		İ	
Coloma	0-11			5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98					5 	1	250 
67B:	! 	! 				1		! 			! 
Remus		10-30	1.65-1.80	1.98-5.95 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.08-0.16	0.0-2.9	.28	.28	3   	3   	86   
67C:	 					1		 			 
Remus	9-43	10-30	1.65-1.80	1.98-5.95 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.08-0.16	0.0-2.9	.28	.28	   3   	3   	   86 
67D:		I			1	1					
Remus	9-43	10-30	11.65-1.80	1.98-5.95 0.20-0.57 0.20-0.57	0.08-0.16	0.0-2.9	.28	.28	3   3 	3   	   86 
70B:						1	1				
Ithaca	10-14 14-30	12-40 35-40	1.40-1.60   1.40-1.65	0.57-1.98 0.20-0.57 0.06-0.20 0.06-0.20	0.14-0.18	0.0-2.9	1 .28	.28 .32		5     	   56   
		İ	i i		l	İ	İ		İ	i	i I
Selfridge	0-9   9-30   30-34   34-60	2-15 8-18	1.30-1.60   1.35-1.45	5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 5.95-19.98 0.20-0.57	0.07-0.11	0.0-2.9	1 .17	.28	5       	1     	220     
71:	 	l I	 		 	 	 	 	 		 
Cohoctah	0-13   13-35   35-60	5-18	11.45-1.65	1.98-5.95 1.98-5.95 1.98-5.95	0.12-0.20	0.0-2.9	.28	.28	5   	3 	86   
74:	 	l I	   '		 	 	1	 	 	 	 
Shoals	9-40	18-33	1.35-1.55	0.57-1.98 0.57-1.98 0.57-1.98	0.17-0.22	0.0-2.9	.37		5   	   6   	48   
W:	 	 	 		 	 	 	 	 	 	 
Water	   	   	     		   	   	   	   	-   	   	   

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## ENDNOTE -- PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOILS

The above table shows estimates of some physical characteristics and features that affect soil behavior. These estimates are given for the layers of each soil in the survey area. The estimates are based on field observations and on test data for these and similar soils.

CLAY as a soil separate consists of mineral soil particles that are less than 0.002 millimeter in diameter. The estimated clay content of each soil layer is given as a percentage, by weight, of the soil material that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter. The amount and kind of clay affect the fertility and physical condition of the soil and the ability of the soil to adsorb cations and to retain moisture. They influence shrink-swell potential, permeability, plasticity, the ease of soil dispersion, and other soil properties. The amount and kind of clay in a soil also affect tillage and earthmoving operations.

MOIST BULK DENSITY is the weight of soil (ovendry) per unit volume. Volume is measured when the soil is at field moisture capacity, that is, the moisture content at 1/3- or 1/10-bar(33kPa or 10kPa) moisture tension. Weight is determined after the soil is dried at 105 degrees C. The estimatred moist bulk density of each soil horizon is expressed in grams per cubic centimeter of soil material that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter. Bulk density data are used to compute shrink-swell potential, available water capacity, total pore space, and other soil properties. The moist bulk density of a soil indicates the pore space available for water and roots. Depending on soil texture, a bulk density of more than 1.4 can restrict water storage and root penetration. Moist bulk density is influence by texture, kind of clay, content of organic matter, and soil structure.

PERMEABILITY(Ksat) refers to the ability of a soil to transmit water or air. The term permeability, as used in soil surveys, indicates saturated hydraulic conductivity (Ksat). The estimates in the table indicate the rate of water movement, in inches per hour, when the soil is saturated. They are based on soil characteristics observed in the field, particularly structure, porosity, and texture. Permeability is considered in the design of soil drainage systems and septic tank absorption fields.

AVAILABLE WATER CAPACITY refers to the quantity of water that the soil is capable of storing for use by plants. The capacity for water storage is given in inches of water per inch of soil for each soil layer. The capacity varies, depending on soil properties that affect retention of water. The most important properties are the content of organic matter, soil texture, bulk density, and soil structure. Available water capacity is an important factor in the choice of plants or crops to be grown and in the design and management of irritation systems. Available water capacity is not an estimate of the quantity of water actually available to plants at any given time.

LINEAR EXTENSIBILITY refers to the change in length of an unconfined clod as moisture contest is decreased from a moist to a dry state. It is an expression of the volume change between the water content of the clod at 1/3- or 1/10-bar tension(33kPa or 10kPa tension) and oven dryness. The volume change is reported in the table as percent change for the whole soil. Volume change is influenced by the amount and type of clay minerals in the soil. Linear extensibility is used to determine the shrink-swell potential of soils. The shrink-swell potential is low if the soil has a linear extensibility of less than 3 percent; moderate if 3 to 6 percent; high if 6 to 9 percent; and very high if more than 9 percent. If the linear extensibility is more than 3, shrinking and swelling can cause damage to buildings, roads, and other structures and to plant roots. Special design commonly is needed.

EROSION FACTORS are shown as the K factor (K and Kf) and the T factor. Erosion factor K indicates the susceptibility of a soil to sheet and rill erosion by water. Factor K is one of several factors used in the Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE) sand the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE) to predict the average annual rate of soil loss by sheet and rill erosion in tons per acre per year. The estimates are based primarily on percentage of silt, sand, and organic matter and on soil structure and permeability. Values of K range from 0.02 to 0.69. Other factors being equal, the higher the value, the more susceptible the soil is to sheet and rill erosion by water.

EROSION FACTOR K indicates the erodibility of the whole soil. The estimates are modified by the presence of rock fragments.

EROSION FACTOR Kf indicates the erodibility of the fine-earth, or the material less than 2 millimeters in size.

EROSION FACTOR T is an estimate of the maximum average annual rate of soil erosion by wind or water that can occur without affecting crop productivity over a sustained period. The rate is in tons per acre per year.

WIND ERODIBILITY GROUPS are made up of soils that have similar properties affecting their susceptibility to wind erosion in cultivated areas. The soils assigned to group 1 are the most susceptible to wind erosion, and those assigned to group 8 are the least susceptible. The groups are as follows:

- 1. Coarse sands, sands, fine sands, and very fine sands.
- 2. Loamy coarse sands, loamy sands, loamy fine sands, loamy very fine sands, ash material and sapric soil material.
- 3. Coarse sandy loams, sandy loams, find sandy loams, and very fine sandy loams.

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- 4L. Clays, silty clays, noncalcareous clay loams, and silty clay loams that are more than 35 percent clay.
- 5. Noncalcareous loams and silt loams that are less than 20 percent clay and sandy clay loams, sandy clays, and hemic soil material.
- 6. Noncalcareous loams and silt loams that are more than 20 percent clay and noncalcereous clay loams that are less than 35 percent clay.
- 7. Silts, noncalcareous silty clay loams that are less than 35 percent clay, and fibric soil material.
- 8. Soils that are not subject to wind erosion because of rock fragments on the surface or because of surface wetness.

WIND ERODIBILITY INDEX is a numerical value indicating the susceptibility of soil to wind erosion, or the tons per acre per year that can be expected to be lost to wind erosion. There is a close correlation between wind erosion and the texture of the surface layer, the size and durability of surface clods, rock fragments, organic matter, and a calcareous reaction. Soil moisture and frozen soil layers also influence wind erosion.

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